

Special Session

Agenda Item #	5
Meeting Date	20 June 2005
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Approved By	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

Discussion Item	Resolution of Support for Alcoholic Beverage License for Middle Eastern Market
Background	<p>On June 6 the Council met with Mr. Fred Hishmeh, owner of the Middle Eastern Cuisine and Market, to discuss his pending application for a beer and wine license. Mr. Hishmeh is renovating his restaurant, increasing its capacity by 60- 80 seats, and, in response to the requests of his customers, wishes to expand his menu to include beer and wine. The Council expressed its general support of the application during the worksession.</p> <p>Beer, wine and alcohol licenses are issued by the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners. Mr. Hishmeh's application is to be considered by the Board at its July 22, 2005 hearing. Notice of the upcoming hearing has been posted at the restaurant. During hearing, the community is provided an opportunity to express their support of - or opposition to - the requested license.</p>
Policy	To review pending alcoholic beverage license applications in or near Takoma Park on a case-by-case basis and when appropriate, to take a position on the issuance of such license.
Fiscal Impact	NA
Attachments	Resolution of Support for Beer and Light Wine License for Middle Eastern Market
Recommendation	To approve proposed resolution
Special Consideration	

Introduced by:

Resolution 2005-

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR AN ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR THE
MIDDLE EASTERN CUISINE AND MARKET**

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park has been notified that Mr. Fred Hishmeh of the Middle Eastern Market and Cuisine has applied for a beer and light wine license from the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the City Council did, during its June 6, 2005 worksession, meet with Mr. Hishmeh to consider the pending license application and planned expansion of the restaurant; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and the owners of Middle Eastern Cuisine and Market have received positive feedback from the community regarding the sale of beer and light wine at the restaurant; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reached the conclusion that the granting of the requested license would be supportive of the business and not otherwise detrimental to the community at large.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND that the Council does hereby support the granting of a beer and light wine license for the Middle Eastern Cuisine and Market at 7000 Carroll Avenue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners prior to their scheduled July 22, 2005 hearing.

Adopted this ____ day of _____ 2005.

ATTEST:

Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk